#### Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Grace UMC, we hope you feel at home here. Please help us get to know you better and if you are a visitor fill out the portion below and drop in offering plate or in one of the baskets at the door as you leave the sanctuary.

| (For Visitors)  ☐ This is my 1st time visit to Grace UMC ☐ I have visited Grace UMC before ☐ I am a frequent visitor to Grace UMC |               |  |
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| ☐ I would like a call from the Pastor                                                                                             |               |  |
| ☐ I'm new to the area                                                                                                             |               |  |
| ☐ I'd like information about t                                                                                                    |               |  |
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| ☐ I would like the newsletter                                                                                                     | emailed to me |  |

| This week at Grace |            |                                                         |  |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Sunday:            | 8:30 a.m.  | Worship Service — Sanctuary                             |  |
| 12.17.2023         | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service — Sanctuary                             |  |
|                    | 10:00 a.m. | Children's Sunday School—Class Room                     |  |
| Mon 12.18.23       | 5:30 p.m.  | Women of Grace—Fellowship Hall                          |  |
| Tuesday:           | 5:30 p.m.  | Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall                              |  |
| Wed: 12.20.23      | 6:30 p.m.  | Girl Scouts—Junior Room                                 |  |
| Thursday:          | 7:00 p.m.  | Celebration Choir—Sanctuary                             |  |
| 12.21.2023         | 7:00 p.m.  | Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall                              |  |
|                    | 7:00 p.m.  | Men's Bible Study—Len Petraitis'                        |  |
| Sunday:            | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service — Sanctuary                             |  |
| 12.24.2023         | 3:00 p.m.  | Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service —<br>Sanctuary |  |
|                    | 7:00 p.m.  | Candlelight Christmas Eve Service—Sanctuary             |  |

# **Contact Us**

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# You're always welcome here at Grace Church

## Our Mission Is:

To make followers of Jesus Christ through ministries that seek to nurture people to model Christ, reach out to people right where they are and witness that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Nurture — Outreach — Witness



December 17, 2023

# **Prayers and Praises**

O God, our heavenly Father, we ask that your healing, comforting power bring these persons recovery, strength and encouragement; though Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- Nancy Michler
- ⊕ Bonnie Miller
- ⊕ Lois Shelly
- ⊕ Jervaise Surotchak
- Earl Voorhees (brother of Sharon Lang)

We also lift before you:

- ↑ The Leadership of Grace
- Persecuted Christians around the world
- ⊕ Safety for all military
- Missionaries around the world
- The homeless and unemployed
- Strengthening of marriages and families
- ⊕ Shut-ins
- ⊕ Unspoken requests

Note: Contact the church office to submit a prayer request. Only submit requests with permission from the person you wish to list. Concerns are listed in Grace Today for two weeks. If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of a Pastoral visit please contact the church office.

## **NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE**

There will be one service on New Years Eve at 10am. It will be a version on the Moravian Love Feast. John Wesley was very fond of the Moravians and the Love Feast, in particular, really spoke to him. It is NOT Holy Communion but will have Moravian Sugar Cake and a small cup of tea. It is meant to be a time of testimony, sharing how you have seen God moving in your life this past year or look forward to the year to come; or simply sharing the word from scripture. It will also be a healing service including prayer and anointing with oil.

#### **WOMEN OF GRACE**

We will be meeting on Monday, December 18 at 5:30 for a Christmas party. Pizza will be served, gifts will be exchanged, and games will be played!! If you would like to join in with us, bring a gift (serious or silly) that costs around \$10, give or take a few bucks!!! Don't miss out on this night of Christian fellowship!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just a reminder: Sunday school children are asked to meet in the Primary Sunday school room by 2:45pm on Christmas Eve to practice their songs one last time before performing during the service.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

On Christmas Eve, there will be one morning service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent being held at 10am. Then, a family Christmas Eve service will be at 3pm with special songs performed by the Sunday School children and followed by traditional candlelight service at 7pm.

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, January 6th at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Dick Stiles or the church office if you are planning on attending. *All* men welcome! Bring a friend.

# OUR HOME-BOUND MEMBERS

Wouldn't it be nice to reach out with a card or call to some of our home-bound and nursing home members? Well, you can, we have a pamphlet on the hospitality table in the narthex that lists our home-bound friends with their addresses and phone numbers. Please feel free to take one and reach out to those listed.

### **NEWSLETTER**

The January/February newsletter is being assembled. If you have something to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Jessica in the office. Deadline is December 22nd.

# **Prayer Request**

| List in Grace Today _                   | Keep Confidential |  |
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| I would like to be contacted about this |                   |  |
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